

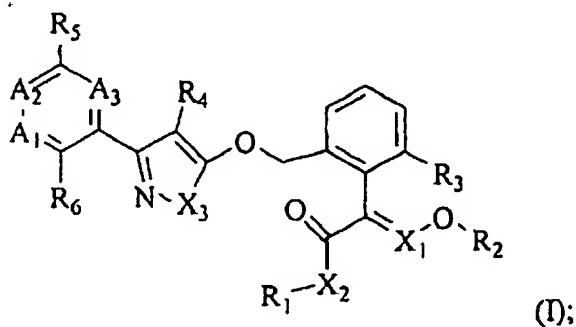
AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A substituted azole compound of formula (I):



wherein

X_1 is CH;

X_2 is 0;

X_3 is NR_8 ;

A_1 is CR_9 ;

A_2 is CR_{10} ;

A_3 is CR_{11} ;

R_1 and R_2 are CH_3 ;

R_3 is H;

R₈ is C₁-C₆alkyl;

$R_4, R_5, R_6, R_9, R_{10}$ and R_{11} may be the same or different, selected from H, or halo,

CONH₂, CH₂CONH₂, CH₂CN, C₁-C₆alkyl, C₄-C₆haloalkyl, C₁-C₆alkoxy, C₄-C₆haloalkoxy or C₁-C₆alkylthio;

R₁₀ is a halogen;

and stereoisomer is *E* isomer.

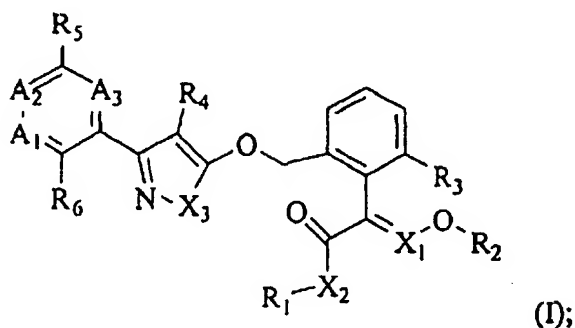
20. (Currently amended) The substituted azole compound according to the claim 19, wherein

R_8 is CH_3 ;

~~R_4 is H or CH_3 ;~~

~~R_5, R_6, R_9, R_{10} and R_{11} may be the same or different, selected from the group consisting of H, Cl, Br, F, C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_2 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_2 alkoxy, C_1 - C_2 haloalkoxy, and C_1 - C_2 alkylthio.~~

21. (Currently amended) A composition having as an active ingredient, a substituted azole compound of formula (I)



wherein

X_1 is CH;

X_2 is O;

X_3 is NR_8 ;

A_1 is CR_9 ;

A_2 is CR_{10} ;

A_3 is CR_{11} ;

R_1 and R_2 are CH_3 ;

R_3 is H;

R_8 is C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

$R_4, R_5, R_6, R_9, R_{10}$ and R_{11} may be the same or different, selected from H, or halo, ~~$CONH_2, CH_2CONH_2, CH_2CN, C_1$ - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 haloalkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 haloalkoxy or C_1 - C_6 alkylthio;~~

R_{10} is a halogen;

and the stereoisomer is *E* isomer;

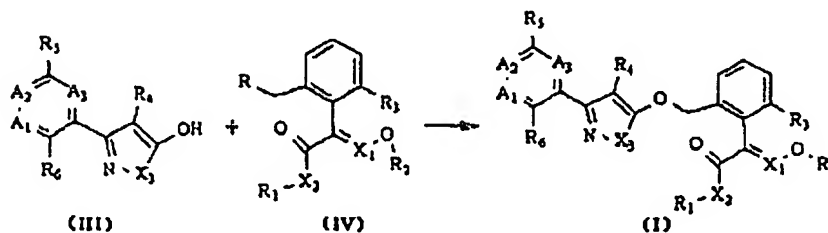
wherein the weight percentage of the active ingredient in the composition is from 0.1% to

99%.

22. (Previously presented) A method for controlling fungi and insects in a plant which comprises administering the substituted azole compound of claim 19 to the plant.

23. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the substituted azole compound is administered in the form of a composition.

24. (Previously presented, Withdrawn) The substitute azole compound according to claim 19, made by a method which comprises reacting an azole compound containing hydroxyl group having general formula (III) with a halomethylbenzene having general formula (IV) in the presence of a base:



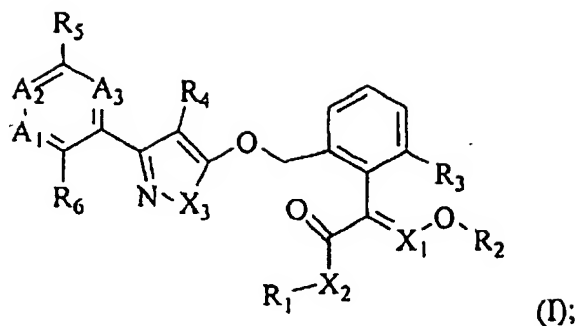
wherein: R is a leaving group.

25. (Previously presented, Withdrawn) The substituted azole compound according to claim 24, wherein the leaving group is Cl or Br.

26. (New) The substituted azole compound according to the claim 19, wherein
 R₄ is H.

27. (New) The substituted azole compound according to the claim 19, wherein
 R₁₀ is Cl, Br, or F.

28. (New) A substituted azole compound of formula (I):



wherein

X₁ is CH;

X₂ is O;

X₃ is NR₈;

A₁ is CR₉;

A₂ is CR₁₀;

A₃ is CR₁₁;

R₁ and R₂ are CH₃;

R₃ and R₄ are H;

R₈ is CH₃;

R₅, R₆, R₉ and R₁₁ are H;

R₁₀ is Cl;

and stereoisomer is *E* isomer.

29. (New) A composition having as an active ingredient, the substituted azole compound according to claim 28, wherein the weight percentage of the active ingredient in the composition is from 0.1% to 99%.

30. (New) A method for controlling fungi and insects in a plant which comprises administering the substituted azole compound of claim 28 to the plant.

31. (New) The method according to claim 30, wherein the substituted azole compound is administered in the form of a composition.